before a police officer, powers of court to take cognizance of an offence etc. and specific safeguards have been incorporated under POTO in several instances to contain the misuse of its provisions. Provisions relating to interception of communication in certain cases under the Prevention of Terrorism Ordinance, 2001 are similar to those obtaining in the Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Act, 1999.

Ration money/allowance provided to Delhi Police Personnels

1729. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Police provides ration money/allowance to its personnels;

(b) if so, since when and at what rates to each rank, separately;

(c) whether payment of ration money/allowance has been made;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to expedite the payment and by when it is likely to be made to retired Delhi Police personnels?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) The Non-Gazetted Police Personnel of Delhi Police have been made entitled to Ration Money Allowance *with effect from* 1st April, 1998. The rate at which this allowance is being paid is based on the formula applicable to the non- gazetted personnel of the Central Para-Military Forces.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) There is no proposal to pay Ration Money Allowance to the police personnel after their retirement.

Action taken to tackle terrorism in the country

1730. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether after October 1, terrorist attack on Jammu and Kashmir Assembly and inspite of PM's letter, USA did not issue any formal statement indicating that the Kashmir terrorist would also be targeted; and

(b) if so, the action taken to tackle terrorism by India on its own?